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SUBJECT: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP MEETING JULY 6

1. WG COMPLETED GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF AUTHORITY, ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL WITH MOST ATTENTION PAID TO RELATIVE ROLES OF ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL. LDC'S GENERALLY FAVORED GIVING MAXIMUM POWER TO ASSEMBLY. PERU ADDRESSED QUESTION OF ENTERPRISE AND ITS RELATION TO COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT ENTERPRISE SHOULD BE ONLY ENTITY WHICH CAN EXPLORE AND EXPLOIT SEABED RESOURCES BUT THIS CAN BE DONE EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH JOINT ENTERPRISE OR SERVICE CONTRACTS. THE ENTERPRISE WOULD BE THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF AUTHORITY REGARDLESS WHICH SYSTEM OR COMBINATION OF SYSTEMS IS ADOPTED. SINGAPORE, AUSTRIA AND TURKEY PROPOSED THAT ALL OPTIONS BE LEFT OPEN FOR EXPLOITATION. AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT DIRECTLY, ENGAGE IN JOINT ENTERPRISE OR LICENSE.

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3. SINGAPORE URGED THAT BENEFIT SHARING CRITERIA BE

INCLUDED IN SECTION ON POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROPOSED THESE INCLUDE POPULATION, PER CAPITA GNP AND OFFSHORE RESOURCE PRODUCTION WITH NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

3. GHANA PROPOSED THAT SYG UNDERTAKE THREE STUDIES:

- (1) PROJECTION OF WORLD REQUIREMENT FOR MANGANESE, NICKEL, COPPER AND COBALT OVER NEXT FIFTY YEARS;
- (2) PROJECTION OF PRESENT KNOW QUANTITIES OF ABOVE MINERALS ON LAND; AND (3) RELATIVE COSTS OF SEABED AND LAND-BASED MINING OF THESE MINERALS.

4. USSR REP MADE STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST SEABED AUTHORITY REGULATING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HE FURTHER ARGUED THAT ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE CLEARLY SEPARATE FUNCTIONS AND THAT ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT HAVE POWER TO OVERRULE COUNCIL DECISIONS WHICH FALL WITHIN LATTER'S COMPETENCE.

5. SEVERAL DELS (NOTABLY LEBANON) EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR DELETION OF ARTICLE XXVIII DEALING WITH POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF AUTHORITY AND PROPOSED THAT POWERS GRANTED AUTHORITY IN ARTICLE XXVIII BE ALLOCATED AMONG VARIOUS ORGANS. OTHERS DELS PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND SPECIFIC DELETIONS TO VARIOUS ITEMS IN ARTICLE.BASSIN

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